

## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1989

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### ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure* (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

### PRICES

*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

### BUILDING

*Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### RETAIL TRADE

*Retail Trade, Australia* (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics* (8511.0)

### PRODUCTION

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### BANKS

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

### OVERSEAS TRADE

*Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) (\$7.50)

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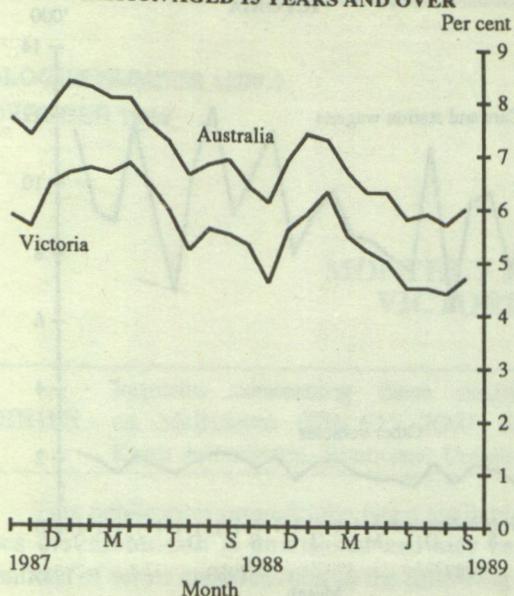
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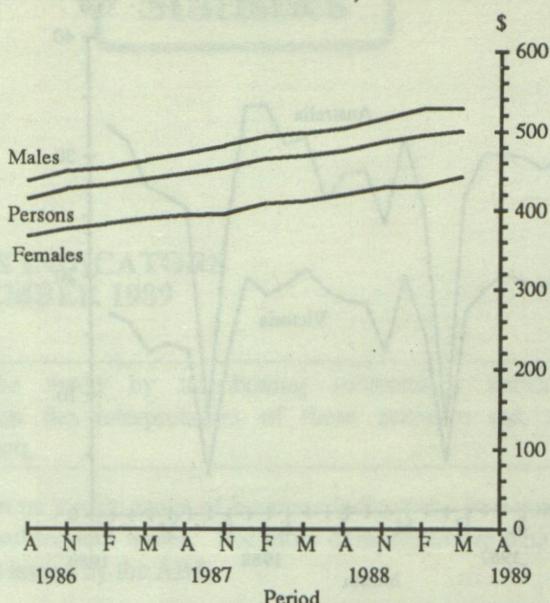
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Sep 89	1,643.8	1,625.1	1,630.5	1,621.4	1,586.5	3.6	6,181.1	3.3
	- total	'000	Sep 89	2,085.9	2,049.8	2,055.0	2,051.0	1,981.8	5.3	7,854.4	4.7
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Sep 89	73.2	67.2	68.2	69.8	86.7	-15.6	382.5	-12.8
	- total	'000	Sep 89	104.0	93.6	96.3	96.0	114.6	-9.2	501.3	-9.6
Labour force		'000	Sep 89	2,189.9	2,143.4	2,151.3	2,147.0	2,096.5	4.5	8,355.7	3.7
Participation rate	per cent		Sep 89	64.6	63.3	63.6	63.6	62.9	2.7	63.8	1.6
Unemployment rate	per cent		Sep 89	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.5	-14.5	6.0	-13.0
Job vacancies	'000	Aug qr 89	19.3	24.1	21.2	19.5	18.1	7.1	64.3	-12.1	
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Aug qr 89	1.60	1.57	1.52	1.56	1.45	10.4	1.48	10.7	
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	May qr 89	500.40	494.90	487.00	475.90	469.30	6.6	501.10	7.8	
Males	\$	May qr 89	529.50	528.40	516.60	504.40	498.30	6.2	530.40	7.9	
Females	\$	May qr 89	443.00	430.80	429.20	420.10	412.20	7.5	440.80	7.7	
All employees total earnings	\$	May qr 89	442.20	435.10	429.60	417.00	414.90	6.6	442.20	7.3	
Males	\$	May qr 89	517.00	512.20	503.30	486.30	483.50	6.9	519.10	7.8	
Females	\$	May qr 89	341.90	336.50	333.40	324.60	322.70	6.0	339.00	7.2	
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index	Jun qr 89	190.8	183.9	182.3	179.5	174.0	9.7	186.2	9.3	
Clothing	index	Jun qr 89	181.1	177.3	177.5	171.2	170.3	6.3	180.8	6.3	
Housing	index	Jun qr 89	218.9	207.3	204.5	193.7	189.1	15.8	208.1	15.1	
Household equipment & operation	index	Jun qr 89	185.0	182.3	181.1	178.6	176.8	4.6	185.0	5.1	
Transportation	index	Jun qr 89	189.0	184.5	181.3	181.1	180.8	4.5	198.2	5.3	
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Jun qr 89	209.8	204.8	201.9	201.9	199.1	5.4	214.6	5.7	
Health & personal care	index	Jun qr 89	205.0	203.7	192.6	192.6	190.8	7.4	192.1	7.2	
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Jun qr 89	167.9	165.4	163.7	161.1	160.4	4.7	165.0	5.2	
All groups	index	Jun qr 89	193.8	188.7	186.2	183.0	180.4	7.4	192.6	7.6	
TURNOVER OF RETAIL											
ESTABLISHMENTS (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Aug 89	1,659.7	1,624.5	1,657.5	1,680.3	1,565.9	6.0	6,559.2	11.6	
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million	Jun 89	37.5	45.0	36.4	33.1	37.4	0.3	180	4.0	
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jun 89	365	434	394	370	318	14.8	1,464	6.9	
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Jun 89	38,017	39,182	35,805	32,924	42,805	-11.2	58,849	-7.4	
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jun 89	3,299	3,312	2,886	3,004	3,401	-3.0	3,914	-3.0	
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jun 89	16.8	16.1	13.5	14.2	17.6	-4.5	32.6	15.2	
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Jun 89	787	990	888	951	837	-6.0	1,837	3.6	
- Wool	tonnes	Jun 89	1,459	1,342	1,216	1,284	1,488	-1.9	1,845	-11.3	
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Jun 89	1,837	1,989	1,694	1,421	1,505	22.1	3,342	-1.7	
- Woollen (incl. worsted wool)	'000 sq.m	Jun 89	502	471	420	514	501	0.2	827	0.0	
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Jun 89	7,537	7,626	6,113	7,092	6,826	10.4	18,471	14.9	
Electricity	million kWh	Jun 89	3,445	3,043	3,064	3,279	2,809	22.6	13,259	9.5	
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m	Aug 89	1,674.4	1,380.5	1,407.0	1,560.4	1,352.4	23.8	5,049.1	32.0	
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Jul 89	824.1	736.2	771.4	748.1	712.8	15.6	3,825.1	24.8	
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.	Aug 89	2,855	2,604	3,014	3,821	3,309	-13.7	9,532	-29.1	
New other residential building	No.	Aug 89	169	156	571	295	314	-46.2	3,806	-15.0	
Value of all building	\$m	Aug 89	491.8	488.1	577.7	714.4	488.7	0.6	2,280.5	-1.4	
Commencements -											
New houses	No.	Jun qr 89	9,560	8,190	9,190	8,310	7,330	30.4	32,620	11.9	
Value of new houses	\$m	Jun qr 89	831.9	664.8	760.0	652.0	557.0	49.4	2,704.8	33.6	
New other residential buildings	No.	Jun qr 89	646	767	782	1,263	1,034	-37.5	10,536	16.8	
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Jun qr 89	47.0	45.6	41.7	69.5	54.4	-13.6	750.2	34.6	
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Jun qr 89	1,211.7	1,067.9	961.2	709.2	1,053.8	15.0	4,430.1	44.2	
Value of all building	\$m	Jun qr 89	2,242.3	1,915.3	1,889.4	1,545.1	1,773.4	26.4	8,372.7	39.2	
Work done in period	\$m	Jun qr 89	2,081.7	1,742.2	1,808.0	1,618.9	1,464.7	42.1	7,622.2	36.8	
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Jul 89	130.1	130.1	130.2	129.6	120.8	7.7	131.8	9.4	
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Jul 89	221.6	219.4	219.1	217.2	202.9	9.2	224.2	8.3	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jun 89	13,761	11,197	10,474	13,877	10,890	26.4	54,104	16.5	
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Jun 89	11,559	9,216	8,903	11,810	9,061	27.6	41,799	13.6	
Motor cycles	No.	Jun 89	2,202	1,981	1,571	2,067	1,829	20.4	12,305	27.5	
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	May 89	25,088	24,251	23,840	23,727	21,643	15.9	70,169	16.7	
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m	May 89	6,243	6,217	6,440	6,629	5,658	10.3	19,648	4.6	
Fixed deposits	\$m	May 89	11,435	11,308	10,393	9,665	7,279	57.1	39,903	41.3	
Advances	\$m	May 89	16,313	15,941	15,326	14,933	14,745	10.6	54,861	15.7	
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	May 89	36,821	35,428	31,778	34,378	36,420	1.1	196,205	12.7	
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Jul 89	393.6	435.0	632.1	473.8	515.2	-23.6	1,274.1	-34.6	
Savings banks	\$m	Jul 89	284.9	308.6	484.0	363.6	374.2	-23.9	863.3	-33.7	
Trading banks	\$m	Jul 89	49.1	32.1	55.4	39.4	43.5	12.9	169.0	-19.2	
Permanent building societies	\$m	Jul 89	21.1	40.2	41.7	38.1	70.1	-70.0	112.0	-68.3	
Other lenders	\$m	Jul 89	38.5	54.1	50.9	32.7	27.2	41.5	129.8	55.6	
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)	\$m	Mar qr 89	1,819	1,963	1,523	1,787	1,429	27.3	6,336	18.0	
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 89	699	717	547	787	592	18.1	1,799	8.3	
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 89	583	545	502	488	427	36.5	1,799	34.8	
New building and structures	\$m	Mar qr 89	564	620	518	556	405	39.3	2,269	24.1	
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Mar qr 89	1,256	1,343	1,006	1,231	1,024	22.7	4,067	14.8	

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

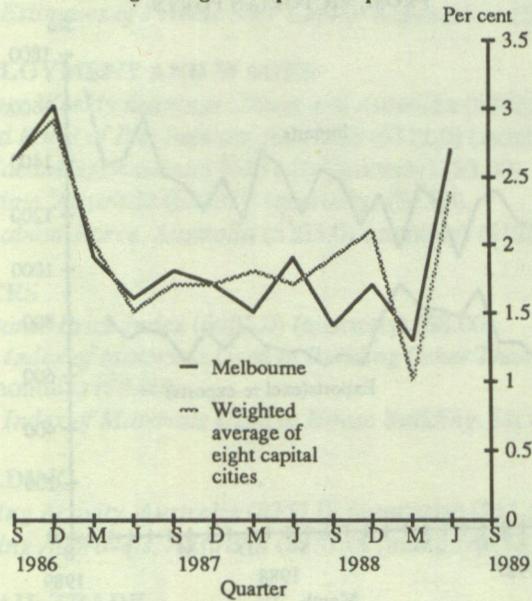
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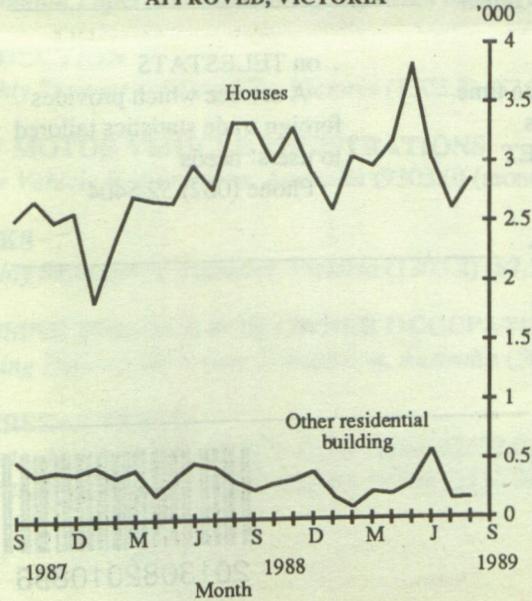
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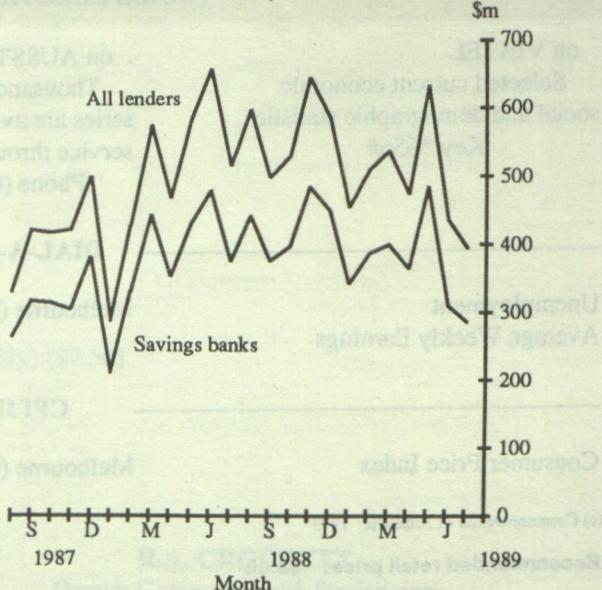
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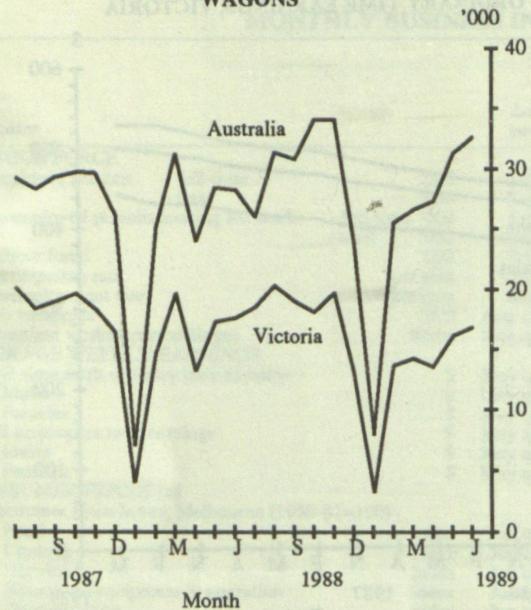
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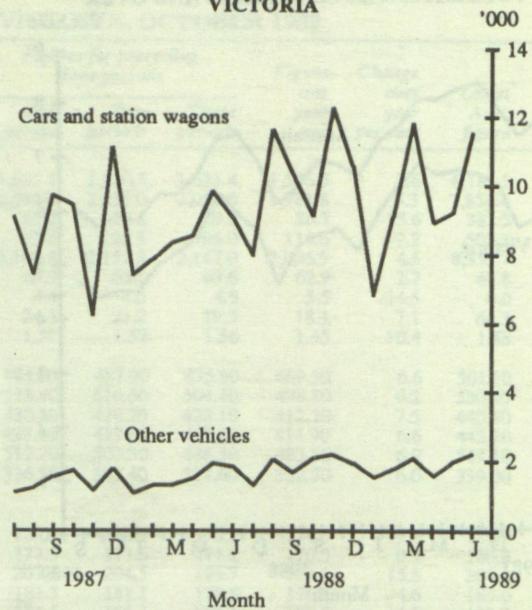
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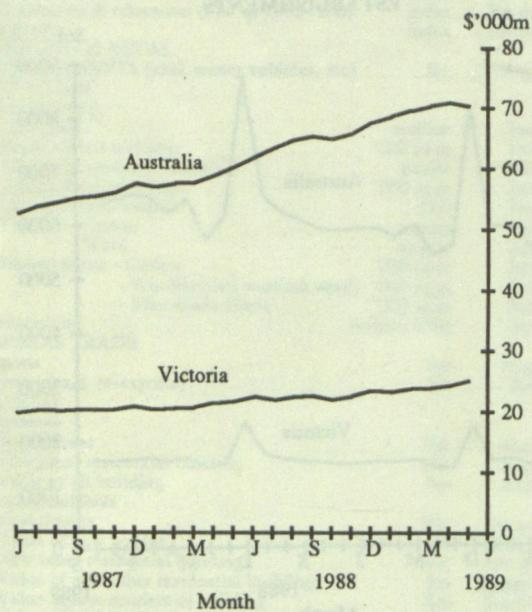
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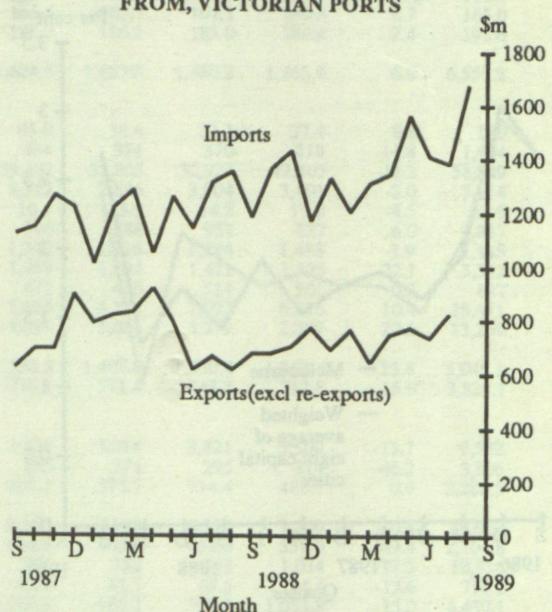
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